Amendment After Final Office Action U.S. Patent Application No. 10/019,474

**REMARKS** 

Claims 58-79 are pending in the subject application. Claims 1-4, 11 and 44-79 have been examined, and claims 1-4, 11 and 44-57 stand rejected. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 58-79 are allowed. By way of the above amendment, claims 1-4, 11 and 44-57 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Applicant reserves the right to file continuation applications with regard to the

subject matter of the canceled claims.

Having eliminated all of the outstanding issues cited by the Examiner, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. However, if for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney

to discuss any unresolved issues and to expedite the disposition of the application.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 05-0460.

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